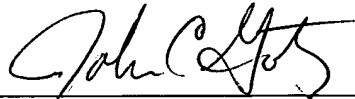


REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification of the application has been amended to reflect the changes made in the concurrently filed Supplemental Declaration. The Applicants believe that no new matter has been added and that all the claims are in a condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (Order No. 47171-00267) for any additional fees that may be required, except for the issue fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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